Mr. K. M. Ibrahim.—Am I to take it that the Government have no information whatsoever regarding even the elementary conditions of the Housing problems of the State? Is that the position of the Government ?

Mr. K. Achyuta Menon.—If the question is put how many houses are insanitary, I want notice.

Mr. K. M. Ibrahim.—At least, in future, Sir may I take it that such elementary things which are very intimately connected with the economic progress of any progressive administration will be given due importance by the Government members ?

Mr. K. Achyuta Menon.—All elementary and important things will be given the importance they deserve.

Economic Equilibrium—revival of.

315. **Mr. K. M. Ibrahim.**—With reference to Question No. 92 dated 1st August 1933, regarding the revival of the Economic Equilibrium, will the Government give in full the "conclusions" of the Economic Survey, mentioned in their answer under reference and state what they intend to do in the matter?

Mr. K. Achyuta Menon.—The Economic Survey is not over.

Mr. K. M. Ibrahim.—Do the materials so far collected by the survey admit of any conclusions however tentative ?

Mr. K. Achyuta Menon.—The report is not published and it is not before the Government. Therefore, they are not in a position to say whether upon the materials so far furnished final conclusion can be made upon any matter.

Mr. K. M. Ibrahim.—Some materials were already placed before the House on a previous occasion.

Mr. K. Achyuta Menon.—No materials so far as I know were placed here with respect to economic equilibrium. I do not think the materials will be of any help with respect to economic equilibrium.

Mr. K. M. Ibrahim.—Will it not admit of any conclusion whether definite or tentative ?

Mr. K. Achyuta Menon.—The report is not published and the report is not before the Government. The materials so far published do not enable us to give a definite answer or to come to a definite conclusion with regard to the revival of the economic equilibrium.

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Mr. K. M. Ibrahim.—Were not materials already placed ?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—Some materials were placed on the table. This is the difficult part of the question whether these materials can lead us to any conclusion with regard to the question of economic equilibrium. We know what materials we have collected and we know what materials will be collected by the survey. But to hazard an opinion whether these materials will lead us to any conclusion on these problems is a very doubtful question and that has to be considered in great detail before we can say yes or no. The difficulty is not with regard to the definiteness or indefiniteness of the materials that are being collected. We know what materials have been collected and what materials will be collected. The difficulty is whether it will lead to solve the problem which the member has in mind as the revival of economic equilibrium.

Mr. K. M. Ibrahim.—Is the Hon'ble Member referring to the economic survey or the educational survey ?

Rama Varmha Tampuran—Economic survey.

Mr. A. Sankara Poduval.—May I know whether Hon'ble Members also should not draw their own conclusions ?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—Everybody should draw his own conclusions. That is the idea.

Mr. A. Sivarama Menon.—Has the question of the revival of the economic equilibrium been referred to ?

Rama Varmha Tampuran—He has been asked to collect information on a number of heads.

Mr. A. Sivarama Menon.—At what stage is the economic enquiry now ?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—He has finished his survey in three villages. He is doing now in a village in Chittur. He will finish his report very soon.

Mr. A. Sankara Poduval.—May I know whether there was an economic equilibrium at any time in the State ? May I know what is meant by economic equilibrium ? I am not aware of any economic equilibrium existing in the State at any time or anywhere in the world.

Mr. K. M. Ibrahim.—Are the Government aware that a recent economic survey undertaken by the Madras Government was finished in one year alone ?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—We have not enquired into it. We do not know anything about it.

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Mr. K. M. Ibrahim.—Will you kindly enquire ?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—If the Member is very anxious to do it, the Government will try to do it. Government do not feel any necessity.

Mr. K. M. Ibrahim.—Have the Government done anything to expedite the conclusions of this survey ?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—Yes.

Mr. Joseph Pettah.—Since the question referred to is the one regarding economic survey, what prevented the Government from referring the question to the officer who is conducting the economic survey ?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—Government have decided on what points he should furnish information. He cannot go on varying his programme every now and then. If question after question is referred to him, he will never be able to finish his survey.

Mr. A. Sankara Poduval..— The economic survey will be very economic.

Standard life of Cochinites.

316. Mr. K. M. Ibrahim.—With reference to Question No. 93 dated 1st August 1933 regarding the highest average and lowest standard of life of Cochinites, will the Government give the information required after such a long interval?

Mr. K. Achyuta Menon.—The question is too vague to admit of a direct answer.

Mr. K. M Ibrahim.—May I know, Sir, wherein is the Hon'ble Member confronted with the vagueness ?

Mr. K. Achyuta Menon.—The vagueness is in the attempt to find out the highest average. There is only one average. The next is to find out the standard of life of each Cochinite, and then attempt to work out the highest average and the lowest standard. The next is to find out what is the lowest standard to make a comparison between the standards of life. The Government think it is necessary to go to each Cochinite to investigate and then attempt to find out the highest average and the lowest standard of life.

Mr. A. Sankara Poduval.—May I know what is meant by the lowest standard of life? Absolutely incomprehensible.

Mr. K. Achyuta Menon.— For knowing the lowest standard of life you must know how people are eating and how people are clothing.

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